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California Bridge Construction Forum

Attendees:

Granite Construction

FCI Constructors

E.L. Yeager

Brutoco Engineering

Washington Group International

Shasta Constructors

Viking Construction

R.M. Harris

Ladd Construction

Banshee Construction Co.

C.C. Meyers Inc.

MCM Construction

Shimmick Construction

R&L Brosamer Inc.

Benco Bridges

Parnum

Agee Construction Corp.

Kiewit Pacific Co.

I would like to thank all of you for participating in the 2002 California Bridge Construction Forums held in Sacramento, and Ontario, California last year. From these Forums, some very important action items were developed. To date we have collectively discussed: falsework practices, flyash/bridge deck cracking, training OSC staff/contractor staff, support/authority of OSC staff, constructability issues, bridge surveying, bridge construction acceleration, quality control and assurance, and welding specifications. We view these Forums as an ongoing effort to improve our understanding of your challenges and issues, which in turn help focus our efforts on specific specification and policy development. Ratings and comments on questionnaires received to date from your representatives have validated the success of these Forums.

As every one is aware, the State has been dealing with an ever-increasing budget shortfall. Like all Departments, the Department of Transportation has been asked to make significant cuts in our operations budget. This has required us to re-prioritize our responsibilities and unfortunately we have determined that these Forums should be suspended until the fiscal climate improves. In lieu of these Forums, the Offices of Structure Construction has developed a Webpage where we can continue to exchange ideas and bring pressing issues to the forefront. Please refer to the following Webpage...<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/construction/BridgeConstructionForum/Q&A.htm> to submit questions, ideas, or to review the status of action items from previous Bridge Construction Forums.

The Offices of Structure Construction would like to thank you for your continued commitment to these Forums and we look forward to developing the Agenda for the third annual Bridge Construction Forum in the near future. Should you have any questions or ideas, I encourage you to call me at (916) 227-8845, or call your local Area Construction Manager. For a list of Area Construction Managers in your area, go to the following link...
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/construction/scphone.htm>.

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